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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Policies and Procedures Committee

Subject: UBC Scheduling Principles (approval)

At its April 2008 meeting, the Policies and Procedures Committee was pleased to observe that the Learning and Research Committee had submitted Scheduling Guidelines for Senate endorsement at its meeting of 09 April 2008. The Policies and Procedures Committee supports the work of the Learning and Research Committee to develop sound policies and procedures in this area.

The Policies and Procedures Committee observes a distinction, however, between a policy or regulatory statement and the current set of guidelines. The Committee is of the opinion that, while it makes sense for the Senate to endorse the Scheduling Guidelines, there still exists a policy gap that could be neatly filled by a statement of principles on class scheduling. Such a statement of principles could be developed to supplement the guidelines and clarify how both the policy and the guidelines will be changed in future.

Mr. Peter Arthur coincidentally serves as both a member of the Policies and Procedures Committee and as Chair of the Learning and Research Committee. Dr. Arthur has indicated his support for the motion that appears below.

Motion: That Senate direct the Learning and Research Committee to prepare for Senate's consideration no later than December 2008 a policy setting out principles for mechanisms to establish or amend scheduling guidelines at UBC Okanagan.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Daniel Keyes
Chair, Policies & Procedures Committee